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Wyoming Crop Weather



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Week of October 24 – 30, 2011

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Heavy snow in Southeast.

Corn and sugarbeet harvests continue. Platte County reported sugarbeet harvest is nearing completion. Corn is underway and looks to be a good crop. The feedlots are filling up with livestock and winter wheat looks good with some acres were replanted, but the county is in need of moisture. Lincoln County reported that farming is shutting down quickly. It is cold and miserable with snow on the way. It looks like fall is over. High temperatures ranged from high 50s to mid 70s. Low temperatures ranged from -7 to the low 20s.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

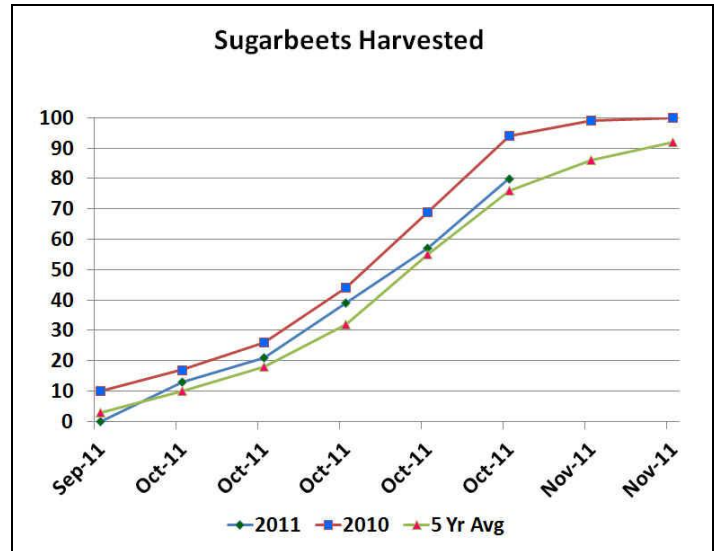
Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	4	5	12	11
Short	29	25	41	28
Adequate	64	66	45	60
Surplus	3	4	2	1

Subsoil	This Week	As of 10/16	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	7	10	12	11
Short	25	26	41	28
Adequate	66	64	45	60
Surplus	2	0	2	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 5.5. Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was down 3 percent compared to last week's estimate but was above both last year and the 5-year average. Sugarbeet harvest was 80 percent completed, below last year but ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvest was behind last year but ahead of average as 54 percent of the corn had been harvested. Alfalfa hay harvest is winding down, at 87 percent for the 3rd cutting, was behind both last year and the 5-year average. Wheat condition declined slightly from the previous week.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Sugarbeets Harvested	80	57	94	76
Corn Harvested	54	42	57	33
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	87	86	94	90



CROP CONDITION

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	2	98	0

PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions reported good or excellent were 57 percent, unchanged from last week. This is above last year and the 5-year average. Stock water supplies are rated as mostly adequate; however, they are rated behind last year at this time but slightly above the 5-year average.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	3	2	10
Poor	11	12	9	17
Fair	29	28	37	37
Good	52	52	45	32
Excellent	5	5	7	4

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 10/16	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	0	7
Short	14	11	7	17
Adequate	86	89	93	75
Surplus	0	0	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Weekly air temperatures averaged at or above normal for 17 of the 33 reporting stations. Temperatures average ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Wheatland to 4 degrees above normal at Greybull. The high temperature for the State was 75 degrees at Douglas and Old Fort Laramie while a low of -7 degrees was recorded at Laramie. Buford recorded the most precipitation for the week with 0.96 inches, 0.80 inches above normal for the reference week and raising the cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011 to 1.47 inches above normal. Nineteen of the 33 reporting stations recorded some precipitation for the week. Big Horn is the location with the highest cumulative precipitation above normal since January 1, while Evanston is the furthest behind at 2.49 inches below normal. Twenty-five reporting stations have recorded above normal cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011.

Weather Data for the Week Ending October 30, 2011 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	64	23	41	-3	0.15	0.15	0.00	14.14	4.13
Dubois	64	19	38	1	0.06	0.10	-0.04	13.79	5.10
Greybull	70	23	44	4	0.00	0.09	-0.09	10.10	3.28
Jeffrey City	67	15	38	-1	0.07	0.14	-0.07	7.75	-1.79
Lake Yellowstone	51	10	29	-2	0.59	0.33	0.26	22.12	5.16
Lander	71	23	42	2	0.14	0.28	-0.14	13.61	1.83
Powell	67	22	40	2	0.14	0.07	0.07	8.27	1.67
Riverton	68	22	41	2	0.02	0.08	-0.06	10.41	3.16
Worland	70	22	42	-1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	10.33	3.02
District 2									
Big Horn	63	24	41	2	0.40	0.28	0.12	22.99	9.79
Buffalo-Johnson	65	23	42	2	0.01	0.19	-0.18	14.00	1.50
Gillette	70	18	41	2	0.00	0.33	-0.33	15.85	0.77
Midwest	72	19	41	-2	0.06	0.21	-0.15	13.22	0.88
Newcastle	65	23	41	-1	0.00	0.28	-0.28	17.73	3.01
Sheridan	62	21	41	0	0.23	0.25	-0.02	16.67	3.45
Sundance	62	20	40	-1	0.00	0.35	-0.35	18.54	1.48
District 3									
Big Piney	63	10	34	1	0.00	0.12	-0.12	4.23	-2.46
Evanston	63	19	40	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.50	-2.49
Jackson Hole	59	14	37	3	0.00	0.34	-0.34	14.76	-2.07
Thayne	63	16	37	2	0.00	0.33	-0.33	15.48	0.28
District 4									
Casper	73	17	41	1	0.07	0.21	-0.14	10.91	-0.65
Laramie	68	-7	33	-5	0.37	0.14	0.23	8.20	-2.05
Rawlins	67	12	40	-2	0.12	0.15	-0.03	6.73	-1.85
Rock Springs	67	22	41	3	0.00	0.16	-0.16	7.14	-1.06
Shirley Basin	61	4	28	-4	0.07	0.14	-0.07	12.89	3.57
District 5									
Buford	74	10	37	2	0.96	0.16	0.80	15.23	1.47
Cheyenne	73	7	37	-5	0.63	0.14	0.49	17.30	2.97
Chugwater	76	16	39	-3	0.22	0.20	0.02	17.06	2.72
Douglas	75	14	41	-1	0.00	0.16	-0.16	12.21	0.76
Lance Creek	69	15	39	-4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	13.76	1.29
Old Fort Laramie	75	10	38	-4	0.00	0.14	-0.14	15.24	2.91
Torrington	73	12	43	1	0.00	0.18	-0.18	16.34	3.45
Wheatland	73	9	40	-6	0.20	0.14	0.06	16.05	3.83

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955